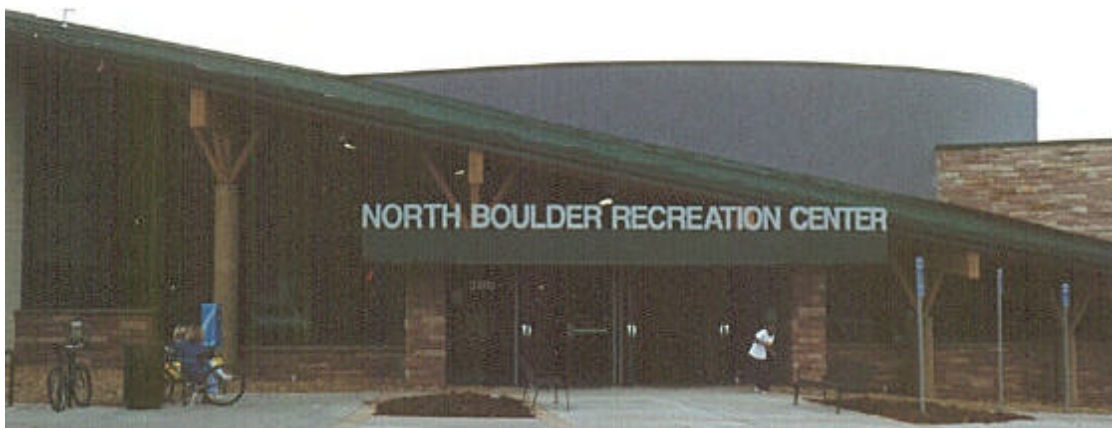


The **City of Boulder's North Boulder Recreation Center** became the first building in the state of Colorado to earn the prestigious LEED® Silver certification. The newly renovated building re-opened in March 2003 and boasts solar-heating, energy efficient lighting and improved features throughout. The LEED Silver certification is awarded by the US Green Building Council to buildings that meet stringent energy and environmental design criteria.

North Boulder Rec. Center earns a "Silver"



North Boulder Recreation Center was renovated and reopened in March 2003.



City staff calculate that the environmental features in the renovated building — from a rooftop solar water heating system to high-efficiency boilers — will save the city about \$56,000 annually in energy costs and use 35% less than a building built to commercial building standards.

Other environmentally friendly features in the building include bathroom partitions made of recycled plastic, low-flow showers and toilets and low emissions carpet, adhesives and finishes. The design also incorporated water efficient landscaping, commissioning building systems to ensure proper operation, and demand-controlled indoor air quality controls. The recreation center also purchases windpower for 50 percent of its electricity.

The LEED process provides a menu of high-performance design options that a building can incorporate, each worth a given number of points.

The level of certification achieved, depends on the number of points earned.

For information about the US Green Building Council and the LEED® rating system, visit the website at www.usgbc.org. Or contact Annette Stelmack 303-534-4444 to learn about the new Colorado Chapter.

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